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THE SPURGEON FAMILY

CHARLES HADDON SURFON.

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SPURGEON FAMILY

BEING

AN ACCOUNT OF THE DESCENT AND FAMILY OF
CHARLES HADDON SPURGEON

WITH

NOTES ON THE FAMILY IN GENERAL, PARTICULARLY
THE ESSEX BRANCH

FROM 1465 (5 EDWARD IV.) TO 1905 (4 EDWARD VII.)

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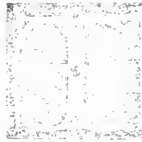
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Preface

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 TAKING an interest in family histories, I have collected from time to time all matter which has come under my notice relating to the Spurgeon family and to the antecedents of the late Charles Haddon Spurgeon; and as this has brought to light a good deal of information apparently yet unknown, and, consequently, not before published, in the several accounts of the life and work of the late preacher, I put into print what I have found, with the valuable and very kind assistance of several friends, hoping that this may prove of general interest, and perhaps form a groundwork for a history of this family which may at some future time be written by someone who has more time and ability than I. Very especially I am indebted to the Rev. T. G. Gibbons, M.A., late Vicar of Halstead, and to the Rev. E. H. Oakley, M.A., the present Vicar, for their assistance; to Leo Culleton, Esq., Fellow of the Huguenot Society, for his valuable notes, from a search through some 500 works of reference and parish registers; to Samuel W. Spurgeon, Esq., of Mutton, Essex, and the Revs. Charles and Thomas Spurgeon.

I would also like to here express my gratitude to the proprietors of Pears' *Annual* for kindly allowing me to reproduce the interesting illustration of the Spurgeon Marriage Certificate, which appeared in their 1905 Christmas number; and to Messrs. Passmore and Alabaster, the publishers of the works of the late Charles Haddon Spurgeon, for their great kindness in lending me the blocks for the portraits and signatures in this book.

All the profits which may be made from the sale of this little work will be equally divided between the Stockwell Orphanage, founded by the late Charles Haddon Spurgeon, and the poor of the village of Halstead, in the county of Essex, where the Spurgeons have been settled for over 350 years.

WM. MILLER HIGGS.

BRASSIDE, BURNLEY ROAD,
WIMBLEDON, SURREY.
1905.

REPRODUCTION, SLIGHTLY REDUCED OF THE ENTRIES
IN AN OLD BOOK BELONGING TO THE LATE
CHARLES HAIDON SPURGEON.

Clement Spurgeon born June 20. 1749
John Spurgeon born September 22. 1760
Joseph Spurgeon born January 12. 1770
Joseph Spurgeon Died January 7. 1771
William Spurgeon - Born October 20. 1771
Ann Spurgeon Born July 6. 1773
Ann Spurgeon Died July 7. 1775
Thos Spurgeon Born July 7. 1774
James Spurgeon Born September 21. 1775
Hannah Spurgeon Born Feb^y 4. 1778
Charles Spurgeon Born May 30. 1779
Charles Died March 13. 1780
Martha Spurgeon Born Sept^r 29. 1780
Martha Died March 18. 1781
Charles Spurgeon Born July 1. 1781
Charles Died Dec^r 22. 1783
Ann Spurgeon Born August 23. 1784
Ann Spurgeon Died Sept^r 15. 1785
Eleanor Spurgeon Died May 11. 1815

John Ferguson born at Newington - Sept. 1831

son of Robert & Sarah Ferguson

Age 14 years Ferguson born at New

ington, born May 1835

Charles William Ferguson son of the above John and
Eliza Ferguson, was born at Newington Dec. 24 1835

1834 John Ferguson transferred to the above born at
Raleigh N.C. January 19 1836

James Walter Ferguson son of the above, was born
at Newington Dec. 24 1837

Emily Susan Ferguson daughter of the above was
born at Newington October 1838

Charles Lewis Ferguson daughter of the above was born
at Newington October 1838

Thomas Lewis Ferguson daughter of the above was born
at Newington October 1838

Frederick Lewis Ferguson daughter of the above was born
at Newington October 1838

John Henry Ferguson, daughter of John and Eliza

Ferguson was born at Newington Oct. 1838

Frederick Lewis Ferguson, daughter of the above was born
at Newington October 1838

Charles William Ferguson, daughter of the above was born

at Newington October 1838

John Henry Ferguson, daughter of the above was born

Charles Ferguson } Sep 20 1836

Thomas Ferguson }

(A. Ferguson)

These from reports and drawings for the same
my wife received Dec 3 1841

James Springer minister of the Gospel of
Hamden, Conn married Sarah Christian
Nov 11 1806 and had issue -

Sarah Springer born Sept 13 1807 died
Hiram Andover Spring born Nov 18 1808 did not
* John Springer Feb 13 1810
Samuel Springer Oct 22 1811
Caleb Springer June 8 1813
Eliza Springer Nov 26 1815 and
Ann Springer Mar 25 1818
James Springer Feb 11 1820
Katharine Springer Mar 8 1823 died 1861
(married Russell)

William Springer was the father of
Stephen Church Springer
Son of the father of
Robert Springer Epist of the New England



The Spurgeon Family

NAME.



R. LOWER, one of the greatest authorities on British names, says in his work entitled "Patronymica Britannica": "Corruptions which many family names have undergone tend to baffle alike the genealogical and

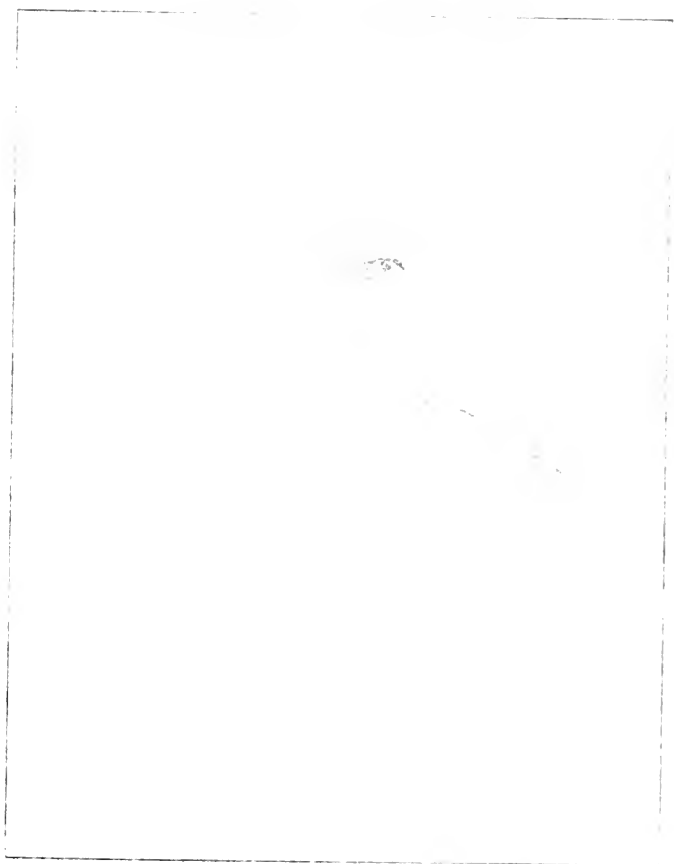
etymological inquirer." The following illustrations, given by Dr. Henry Barber in his well-known work on the origin and meaning of British names, will serve to show the corruption to which names are liable: "The family name of Weewall (Norse 'Viñill' and Danish 'Wivel') occurs frequently in the parish registers of Peckleton, Leicestershire, and between 1735 and 1750 there are many variations of the spelling, scarcely two entries being alike. It appears as Whewvaugh, Whewvaugh, Wheevaw, Weway, Weewaa, Wheewhal, Whewwhaw, Whealwhal, Weewal, Wheelwall. In the North of England it took the form of Whewell. The name of the great English dramatist is generally spelt Shakespeare, but there are many ways of spelling the name, according to English orthography. Here are a few of them as appearing in old documents: Shakspeare, Shaxpere, Shakspeare, Shax-

spere, Schaksper, Shakespere, Shaks-peire, Schaks-peyr, Shavepeare, Shag pere, Shaxpur, Shaxper, Shak-per, Shackspeare, Saxpere, Shakespire, Shaks-peire, Shackspeare, Shakspear, Shaxper, Shakspear, Shaks-peire, Shakspeare, Shaxpure, Shackspeyr, Shakspear, Schaksper, et al.

It is, therefore, in many cases difficult to speak with any certainty as to the origin of any particular family name. With regard to the name of Spurgeon, we find it in many forms, such as Spirlon, Spurgin, Spurgon, Spurggin, Spurrigin, Spurgynne, Spurgin, Spurgyn, Spurgen, Spurlan, Spurlan, Spurgin. Dr. Henry Barber says Spurgeon is of Scandinavian origin, being a diminutive of "Sporr," "Sporre" (Sporrechen). "Sporr" was an old Norse name meaning "a sparrow." The name is found in Domesday Book as a personal name under the forms of "Spur" and "Sperr." The late Rev. Charles Wareing Bardsley, M.A., Honorary Canon of Carlisle, who devoted a very great part of his life to the study of surnames, their sources and significations, also says: "Spurgeon, or Spurgin, is evidently an old and long-forgotten Scandinavian personal name (baptismal. A son of Sprigin)." In Norfolk we find one William Sprigin mentioned in the Hundred Rolls as early as 1273, and in the same county a Robert Spurgynne was Vicar of Foulton in 1566 (Bromfield's "History of Norfolk," vi. 35), whilst, coming down to later times, a John Spurgeon was Mayor of Yarmouth in 1712. Mr. Bardsley gives Norfolk as the original home of the Spurgeon family. On the authority of such men as these there is little doubt that the originators of the Spurgeon family in England were among the hardy Norsemen who came to Britain, and for a time held sway.



THE MOTHER OF CHARLES HAYDON. SEP. 1880



*Yours very truly,
 J. Haydon*

THE FATHER OF CHARLES HAYDON. SEP. 1880

CHARLES HADDON SPURGEON.

There have been several works written on the life of the late Charles Haddon Spurgeon, the greatest preacher of the Gospel of the nineteenth century. His autobiography, a work of four volumes, contains the fullest details of that great man's life and work, though all the others have their special points of interest and penmanship. In all the accounts of Charles Haddon Spurgeon's life where a short space is given to his lineage, curiously enough, a Dutch descent is attributed to him. As a matter of fact, the writer of this little work has been quite unable to discover any proof for such a statement, certainly on his direct paternal descent. No sensible man will despise his ancestry; we are each very largely influenced by the blood in our veins, not always in the direct line, but often from collateral branches, and therefore it is interesting to note and to trace the various traits of character of remote ancestors in the different members of one family. How careful, then, it behoves those living in the present to be over the building up of personal character, so that difficulties which might be placed in the way of those to follow may be avoided.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon never thought lightly of his ancestry. He once said: "There is a sweet fitness in the passing on of holy loyalty from grandfire to father, and from father to son. I like to feel that I serve God from my fathers." He also said: "I remember speaking to a Christian brother who seemed right happy to tell me that he sprang of a family which came from Holland during the persecution of the Duke of Alva, and I felt a brotherhood with him in claiming a like descent from Protestant forefathers." On the other hand, Charles Haddon Spurgeon would tell those who made a boast of their ancestry to the neglect of their own personal attributes

and worthiness, that if we all went back far enough we should come to a common ancestor, "a gardener who stole his Master's fruit." A friend of Mr. Spurgeon once wrote to him from China and said: "The Chinese cannot pronounce 'Spurgeon' correctly, so we call him in this quarter 'Sze-pah-ng'—*i.e.*, 'The successor or continuator of a hundred virtues.'" The word "hundred" in Chinese stands for an indefinite number. This is an interesting play upon the name, and is especially fitting when we remember how faithfully Charles Haddon Spurgeon followed in the steps of his Puritan forefathers. Mr. Spurgeon said, in answer to this interesting method of pronouncing his surname: "My godly ancestors possessed many more than a hundred virtues, and I am very grateful to God for the grace which has enabled me to be the continuator of any of them." In the Middle Ages those connected with the Church very generally adopted a rebus, which was a fanciful combination of figures, or figures and words, whereby the name of the adopter was usually formed. Instances of this can be seen carved on the tombs in many of our cathedrals and churches. In St. Alban's Cathedral, on the tomb of Abbot Ranulf, a number of rams appear, with the syllable "rydge" carved on their collars in a variety of forms. Mr. Spurgeon once had put in the window of his summer-house at Nightingale Lane, Balham, a rebus of his name in the form of a spur in stained glass with the syllable "geon" underneath. The following lines, which the writer came across some time ago in the history of one of the best Anglo-Norman families in England, Mr. Spurgeon would have heartily approved of, and in studying the history of any family it is well to keep such lines before one :

"What profit have we or long descent
From fathers' deeds of good or pain?
Of our great ancestors' wisdom and
To trust unto the work another had

For keeping up our fame, which else would fall,
If besides birth there be no worth at all.
For who counts him a gentleman whose grace
Is all in name, but crève-wise he has?
Ourselves call him a gentleman, but he is not,
Noble in nothing but a noble name?
It's better to be meanly poor and good,
Than one unworthy of his noble blood;
Though all thy walls shine with thy pedigree,
Yet virtue only gives nobility.
Then, that his pedigree may useful be,
Search out the virtues of your family,
And to be worthy of your fathers' name,
Learn out the good they did and do the same;
For if you bear their name, and not their fame,
Those ensigns of their worth will be your shame.

THE SPURGEONS OF ESSEX.

Whilst the late Rev. C. W. Bardsley, M.A., gives Norfolk as the "original home of the Spurgeon family," we find them settled in Essex and Suffolk at an early date. As early as 1465 the names of John and Thomas Spirjon appear as witnesses to a deed for the grant of certain land in the parish of Great Maplestead, in the county of Essex.

"John Grene, Thomas Swetlock, Clerk and Robert Sparwe of Little Hedingham grant to John Ray of Great Maplestead and Armes his Wife land in Great Maplestead 2 Dec. 1465 (5 Edward IV.). Dated at Great Maplestead.

Witnesses (amongst others) "JOHN SPIRJON.
"THOMAS SPIRJON."

From the earliest Court Roll of the Manor of Dynes in the parish of Great Maplestead (which remains), dated May 19, 1575, we find that one Thomas Spurgeon was then tenant of the manor. At the present time there is a small holding of thirty acres in Great Maplestead called

"Bryatts" or "Spurgeons," which forms a part of Mill Farm. A John Spurgin was also living in Great Maplestead about this time (1575); he was a carpenter by trade, and married one Alice (probably Rayner), by whom he had for certain two sons, John and Thomas, and three daughters, Agnes, Jane, and Alice; his will was proved in 1594.

In another part of Essex—namely, Much Dunmow—situated nine miles north-west from Chelmsford, we find that one John Spurgion, a farmer, was living previous to 1562; not far from this place, at Felsted, one mile north-west of Bishops Stortford and ten miles north of Chelmsford, about the same period we find a John and a William Spurgin living. John was a labourer; he married ——— Raven, and by her had a son, John, and two daughters, Susan and Judith; his will was proved in 1592 (May 22) (Archdeaconry of Middlesex Book "Mansfield," folio 264). William married, and by his wife, Agnes, had one daughter, Elizabeth, who married one Martin by name; his will was proved in 1599 (February 5) (Archdeaconry of Middlesex Book "Grove," folio 46); there were also Spurgeons at Blacknotlye (one Annis Spurgine living previous to 1575), at Eastwood (one William Spourgian living previous to 1577), at Thundersley (one Thomas Spurgion, a farmer, living previous to 1581), at South Benfleet (one, Alyce Spurgyn living previous to 1601), so that the family was well distributed over the county of Essex at an early date.

Turning our attention to the village of Halstead, situated at a distance of three and a half miles from that of Great Maplestead, we find that the Spurgeons were settled there as early as 1551. From a Patent Roll (to be seen in the Public Record Office) we gather that one Richard Spurgeon held land there at this date; the words from the roll in full are :



THE GRANDFATHER OF CHARLES HADDON SPURGEON.



Yrs most affectionately

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

THE GRANDFATHER OF CHARLES HADDON SPURGEON.

"Rent of one tenement & parcel of Land, parcels of Frijones aforesaid in the tenure of Richard Spurgeon yearly 33s. 4d."

This Patent Roll was a grant of the chantry called Bouchier's College to William Parr, Marquis of Northampton, and was dated 1551 (June 24). It is mentioned in Holman's "*Halstead*," printed and published by the Earls Colne Printing Company in 1902 (folios 115 and 116). The probability is that this Richard Spurgeon was the direct ancestor of Charles Haddon Spurgeon. In the autobiography of Charles Haddon Spurgeon a short genealogical table is given, showing his descent and family from his grandfather, James Spurgeon, who was born September 29, 1776, and also giving his grandfather's brothers: Clement, born June 20, 1767; John, born September 13, 1768; William, born October 20, 1771; and Thomas, born July 6, 1774. These were the sons of Clement Spurgeon, of Halstead, by his wife, Ann Pinchbeck, who was married to him on May 8, 1766. Their eldest son, Clement, was baptized at the parish church on August 29, 1766, and their second son, John, was also entered in the parish register (December 27, 1768). It is probable that they moved from Halstead shortly after this date, as entries of their other children cannot be found, or it may be that they registered the rest of their family at the Independent meeting-house. Unfortunately, the meeting-house registers have not been well kept, and so it has been impossible to settle this point. As a matter of fact, the "regular account kept of children baptized" begins only in 1786, and even then is so spasmodic that it hardly deserves the adjective "regular" until 1829. As far as we can tell, the father of Clement Spurgeon, who married one Ann Pinchbeck, was a Clement Spurgeon of Halstead who married one Ann Goodson on July 26, 1732, and his

father was also a Clement Spurgeon, also of Halstead. This man was an Independent. It is recorded that he took one or more sittings in the Independent Chapel in the year 1718. He married Bethia, daughter of John and Elizabeth Bunting, of Halstead (John Bunting was a clothier by trade and was son of one William Bunting). From a deed dated October, 1726, we find that this Clement Spurgeon (or Spurgen) lived in the house formerly occupied by William Bunting (now close to Trinity Church), and that he occupied several pieces of land at that time. We find from a later deed, dated 1763, that a certain John Cooke (or Cook) came into possession of a part of this land; it also gives the names of previous owners.

"A croft formerly in the occupation of John Bennell afterwards of William Harrington, afterward of John France, since of Clement Spurgin late of John Spurgin deceased & now of John Cooke."

This John Cooke (or Cook) was probably an ancestor of, or at least he was of the same family as, Mr. Thomas Cook, who was for many years a deacon of the Metropolitan Tabernacle, as, strange to say, he was descended from the Cooks of Halstead.

On February 8, 1720, Clement and Bethia Spurgeon conveyed, for £15, the piece of ground on which the meeting-house had lately been erected to trustees. A Samuel Spurgeon was pastor of the chapel in 1737 (it is now Congregational). Clement Spurgeon died about 1733. On April 6 in that year letters of administration were granted to Bethia Spurgeon for the property of her late husband. Clement seems a family name for generations. This Clement Spurgeon was the eldest son of Clement Spurgeon, of Halstead, a blacksmith by trade, and who married Elizabeth, daughter of John Morley and Julian Bragg, his wife. John Morley was a butcher

by trade and possessed land and houses; he was father of John Morley, the famous land agent, etc. (1630-1733). His will was proved at Braintree, County Essex, September 7, 1696, in which 11 grandchildren, Clement, Mary, and Martha Spurgeon, are mentioned. This Clement Spurgeon's will was proved in 1715, and read (Com. London, Essex, and Herts, Book "Mead," folio 59) :

"In the name of God Amen I Clement Spurgeon Senr. of Halsted in the County of Essex Blacksmith being sick in body but of sound mind & perfect memory (praised be to God therefore) doe make this my last will & testament in manner & form following.

"first & principally I committ my soul unto the hand of Almighty God hoping through the merits Death & Intercession of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ to obtain full remission of all my sins & to inherit life everlasting, my body I commend to ye Earth out of which it was formed to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executrix hereinafter named and as touching such temporal Estate as it hath pleased God of His infinite goodness to bestow upon me I dispose of it in manner following.

"First I will that all my just debts & legacies and funeral expenses shall be paid & discharged by my Executrix hereinafter named.

"Item. I give & bequeath unto my loving Wife Eliz. Spurgen for & during the term of her small life all those two messuages or tenements with the yard & appurtenances thereunto belonging to the same & are situate in a Lane called Blackmore Lane which are now in my own occupation & the occupation of Susanna [Sirwenor?] & Elizabeth Spurgen my eldest daughter upon condition

"my loving wife aforesaid shall keep the said messuages & tenements with their appurtenances in good and

tenantable repair as long as she shall live and after the decease of my loving wife aforesaid I give and bequeath unto my eldest Son Clement Spurgen & his heirs for ever all the messuages or tenements with all & singular appurtenances thereunto of right belonging as the same is situate in a lane called Blackmore Lane in Halsted aforesaid now in my own occupation except two Chambers whereof one is over the Gate house which for my use I have taken out of the next adjoining house which said Chamber be no part of nor be of right belonging unto the premises I now dwell in.

“Item. I give and bequeath unto my two Grandchildren The Son & daughter of my eldest Son Clement Spurgen aforesaid a Guinea a piece as a token of my love to be paid unto their father or his assigns for their use within six months next after my decease by my Executrix hereinafter named.

“Item. I give and bequeath unto my second Son Morley Spurgen after the decease of my loving wife aforesaid all ye messuages & tenements with all outhouses, yards, gardens ways & appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging now in occupation of Susanna [Siswener] Elizabeth Spurgen the younger aforesaid & ye two chambers aforesaid one of them over ye Gate house aforesaid which for my convenience I have now in my own possession with the messuage situated in Halsted aforesaid in a Lane called Blackmore Lane to ye heirs of his body lawfully begotten & for want of such heirs I give & bequeath ye said premises to my youngest son John Spurgen & to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten & for want of such heirs I give and bequeath the same premises to my said eldest Son Clement Spurgen & the heirs of his body lawfully begotten & for want of such heirs my fathers will & pleasure is the same premises to be sold & equally divided amongst my four daughters now living Elizabeth,

Mary, Susanna & Martha Spurgen or amongst three of them that shall survive my decease.

“Item. I give and bequeath unto my second Son Morley Spurgen ye full summe of Ten pounds of good & lawful money of England to be paid him or his assigns when he attains ye age of one & twenty years by my Executrix hereinafter named & if my Son Morley Spurgen aforesaid shall happen to dye before he come to be of age then my will is that the ten pounds aforesaid shall be equally divided amongst my four daughters above named or the survivors of them.

“Item. I give & bequeath unto John Spurgeon my youngest son the full summe of Thirty pounds of good and lawful money of England to be paid him or his assigns when he shall arrive at the age of twenty one years by my Executrix hereinafter named & in case my said Son John Spurgeon shall happen to dye before he comes to be of age then my will is that the said Thirty pounds shall be equally divided amongst my four daughters above named or the Survivors of them.

“Item. I give & bequeath unto my four daughters aforenamed a Guinea a piece for remembrance of my love to them to be paid them within six months next ensuing my decease by my Executrix hereinafter named.

“Item. I give & bequeath unto my loving wife Elizabeth Spurgen aforesaid all my working tools, stock, household goods, Bills, Bonds, Mortgages, Debts, & demands whatsoever to be at ye full and absolute disposall of my loving wife aforesaid as she shall think fitt in her lifetime or at her death not doubting but that she shall take care of my children & bring them up in the fear of God & discharge the trust I repose in her & lastly I constitute & ordain my loving wife Elizabeth Spurgen aforesaid my sole Executrix of this my last will & testament & my loving friends Mr. Verby Moret

& Mr. Samuel Bridge both of Halsted aforesaid do I appoint superintendents of my will hereby.

“Revoking all former wills by me made.

“IN WITNESSE whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twentieth day of January in the third year of ye Reign of our Sovereign Lady Anne over England, Scotland, France & Ireland, Queen Defender of the Faith Anno Domini 1704 CLEMENT SPURGEN. Signed sealed published & declared to be the last Will & Testament of Clement Spurgen aforesaid in the presence of us

“MARY HATLEY.

“NICHOLAS MARSHALL.

“WILLIAM HOLTAN.

“Proved near Braintree, 15 March 1714.”

CODICILL.

“Be it known by all men by these presents that whereas I Clement Spurgeon of Halsted Senn. have made my last will & testament in writing & bearing date ye twentieth day of January 1704. I the said Clement Spurgeon do by these presents & Codicill ratify and confirm this my last will & testament and I do give & bequeath after the death of my loving Wife unto my youngest Son John Spurgeon & his heirs for ever all ye houses, messuages or tenements lying in a yard called Coppres Yard in Halsted now in ye occupation of the Widow Green & John White which I lately purchased of William Germain of Halsted aforesaid Carpenter but in case my said Son John Spurgeon should dye before he attain the age of twenty one years then I give & bequeath ye said messuage & tenement unto my Son M^cley Spurgeon & his heirs for ever & further I give a guinea

a piece to my Grandchildren viz. Eliz. Wyatt & Thos. Parmenter to be paid them by my said Executors within six months next after my decease & my will & meaning is this Content or Schedule, to be adjointed to be part & parcel of my last will & testament aforesaid & all things herein contained & mentioned to be faithfully & truly performed & carefully & in every respect as the same now so declared & set down in my last will & testament. Witness my hand ye 9th day of October in ye 9th year of ye reign of our Sovereign Lady Anne over Great Britain etc. Anno Domini 1710 Clement Spurgen.

"NOTE. Ye Testator signed & sealed this Schedule in ye presence of us ye mark of

"JOHN ANGER.

"JOHN NEWCOMB.

"WM. HOLMAN.

"Proved. 16 March 1715."

Clement Spurgen was the eldest son of Clement and Mary Spurgen (or Spurgin) of Halsted. His wife's will was proved in 1737 (Com. London, Essex and Herts, Book "Bull," folio 45), and reads as follows :

"In the name of God Amen I Elizabeth Spurgen of Halsted in the County of Essex Widow being infirm in Body but of a sound and perfect mind & memory (thanks be to God) do make this my last Will and Testament in manner following hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

"First and principally I commend my Soul unto the Hands of Almighty God my most mercifull Creator hoping to be saved through the alone Merits of Jesus Christ my most gracious Redeemer, and my Body I desire may be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named, and as to that worldly estate wherewith

it hath pleased God to bless me I dispose thereof as followeth. (to wit)

"Whereas my late Son in law Isaac Harwood (since deceased) & my daughter Mary his then Wife, now his widow, in and by Indenture bearing date the ninth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty and made between the said Isaac Harwood & Mary his wife of the one part and myself of the other part for the considerations therein mentioned did bargain & sell, limit & appoint unto a certain Messuage or tenement with the appertanances in Halsted aforesaid then in the occupation of John Agas or his assigns & divers rooms in my own occupation.

"To hold to me my Executors, Administrators and Assigns for the term of one hundred years from the day next before the day of the date of the same Indenture upon condition to be void on the payment of thirty pounds by the said Isaac Harwood and Mary his Wife their or either of their heirs Executors Administrators or Assignes unto such person or persons and at such time or times and in such proportion and manner as I the said Elizabeth Spurgeon in and by my last Will and Testament under my hand and Seale and testified by two or more credible Witnesses or by any writing or writings under my hand and seale purporting my last Will and Testament and testified as aforesaid should direct and appoint.

"Now therefore I the said Elizabeth Spurgeon do by this my last Will and Testament give and bequeath direct and appoint the said Thirty pounds in manner following (to wit) Forty shillings thereof yearly and every year unto my Son John Spurgeon for the space of ten years to commence and begin two years next after my decease until twenty pounds of the said thirty pounds shall be paid half yearly at Lady Day and Michaelmas Day by equal portion at or in the George Inn in Halsted aforesaid

without any deductions the first half yearly payment to begin and to be made at each of the said two days of payment as shall first happen after two years next after my decease to my Will and meaning is that in case my said Son John Spurgen shall happen to die before the said twenty pounds shall be paid then what remains unpaid of the said twenty pounds at his Death shall be paid unto his Wife and their Children in such manner as the same should have been paid unto my said Son John Spurgen in case he had lived. Also five pounds more of the said Thirty Pounds I will and give unto my Grandchild William German son of my Daughter Martha German to be paid within one year next after my decease and in case he shall happen to die before the said legacy shall become due then I give the same unto his Wife. Also the thirty pounds I will and give unto my Granddaughter Susan Parmenter to be paid unto her within two years next after my Decease and in case she shall happen to die before the said Legacy shall become due then I will and give the same to all her children to be equally divided amongst them. Also I give and bequeath unto my said Son John Spurgen ten guineas to be paid him by my Executors hereinafter named within one year next my decease. Also I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Martha German the sum of ten pounds to be paid unto her within two years after my decease and in case she shall happen to die before the said legacy shall become due then I give the same unto her Son William German.

“Also I give unto my daughters Elizabeth Wyatt, Susan Parmenter and Mary Harwood all my wearing clothes wearing linen and household linen to be equally divided amongst them by my Executors and my loving Sister Susanna Holmes. Also all the rest and residue of my Goods, Chattells, Bills, Bonds, Mortgage, ready moneys, household stuff, Stock & personal Estate what-

soever & wheresoever, after my debts, legacies, funeral charges, and probate of this my Will shall be satisfied, paid and discharged I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Elizabeth Wyatt. AND LASTLY I do nominate and appoint my Son in law Thomas Wyatt and my said daughter Elizabeth his wife Executors of this my last will and Testament.

"IN WITNESS whereof I the said Elizabeth Spurgen the Testatrix have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and Seal the thirtieth day of December in the year of Our Lord One Thousand seven hundred thirty & four.

"ELEZEABATHE SPURGIN.

"Signed, sealed published & declared by the Testatrix above named in our presence and in her presence attested and subscribed by us.

"NICHOLAS MARRETT

"WALTER VAIZEY."

"As A CODICILL to my Will I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Wyatt the sum of thirty pounds to be paid one month after my decease and in case my personal estate shall not be sufficient to pay all my Legacies besides my debts and funeral expenses then I will that all and every my Legatees shall abate proportionably according to their several Legacies. And in case my said Granddaughter Susan Parmenter shall die without Children before her Legacy shall become due then I give the same to her Mother. WITNESS my hand and seal the 25th day of March 1735 ELEZ. SPURGIN.

Witnesses thereunto

"NICHOLAS MARRETT

"S. GRIMSTON."

"THIS WILL with a Codicill annexed of Elizabeth Spurgin Widow deceased was proved the tenth day of

June in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and thirty seven, Before the Reverend Alexander Vicar Clerk Bachelor of Laws, Surrogate to the W. Archdeall John Andrew Doctor of Laws, Comptroller and Sequestrator General to the Right Reverend Father in God Edmund by divine permission Bishop of London in the parts of Essex & Hertfordshire lawfully appointed, By the Oaths of Thomas Wyatt the Son in law and Elizabeth (the wife of the said Thomas Wyatt) the natural and lawfull daughter of the said deceased the Executors named in the said Will to whom Administration of the said deceased was Committed they being first sworn well and faithfully to Administer the same."

This Clement Spurgen was a blacksmith, and was born in 1624. His will was proved in 1628 (Com. London, Essex and Herts, Book "Rickett," folio 187), and reads as follows:

"In the name of God Amen the 26th day of April in the year of our Lord 1681 I Clement Spurgen Senr of Halsted in ye County of Essex Blacksmith being in health & perfect memory thanks be to God therefore & calling to mind the mortality of my body do make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following. first and principally I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God my Maker and my body I commit unto the earth to be buried in a Christian & decent Manner doubting not but at the general resurrection I shall receive it again by ye mighty power of God and as touching my worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give bequeath & dispose in manner & forme following:

"Item. I give to my Son Clement all my working tools at ye end of my small life.

"Item. I give to my Son Vincent the house now in his own occupation & ye tenement belonging to it now in the occupation of Matthew Goodce at ye end of my small life.

"Item. I give to my Son John ye house or tenement & stable joyning to ye same and yard now in ye occupation of George Groome.

"Item. I give to my Son Jeremiah ye house or tenement & yard belonging to yt *i.e.* ye passage and yard next the bordfields in my own occupation but ye house or tenement be now in the occupation of Thomas Maypole and William Deane.

"Item. I give to my daughter Hannah ye house and yard and watering belonging to it now in ye occupation of Thomas Diss and my best white flock bed and bedstead and all belonging to ye same.

"Item. I give to Mary my Wife the house or portion of the forenamed John, Jeremiah and Hannah so long as she liveth single or a widdow after me and do not contract matrimony but if the said Mary should happen to marry or contract matrimony then the foresaid John, Jeremiah and Hannah may possess, enter and enjoy their house or portion at one & twenty years of age but if either the forenamed John, Jeremiah or Hannah should happen to end their small life before they come to one and twenty years of age then their portions shall be equally divided among or between their survivors. And I the said Clement Spurgin do renounce frustrate make void & revoke all wills for ever made by me formerly & declare and appoint this to be my last Will and Testament.

"IN WITNESSE whereof I have set my hand and seal the day and year above named. CLEMENT SPURGIN his marke Signed sealed in the presence of Geo. Cressall, John Cressall, William Till."

"Proved at Halsted Oct. 1682."

He had succeeded to his father's business, who also was a Clement Spurgeon, who married Mary Vine at Halsted in 1623; he was baptized at the parish church in 1597, or 1600, and his will was proved in 1652 (Conn. L. and H. Essex and Herts, Book "Alderton" folio 21).

"In the name of God Amen I Clement Spurgin the elder of Halsted in the County of Essex, Black and blind weak in Body but of perfect memory and revoking all other Wills formerly by me made, do ordaine and make this my last Will and Testament in manner & form following.

"First. I commit my Soule to God who gave it and my Body to the Earth from which it was taken and my outward Estate I dispose of as followeth.

"Item. I give unto Marie my Wife the house wherein I now live with halfe the Garden place now in my occupation and my other Tenement now in the occupation of my Sonn Clement Spurgin with all the appurtenances thereto belonging during the time of her naturall life and after her decease to my Son Clement Spurgin and to his heirs for ever.

"Item. I give unto Clement Spurgin my Son my Smith's Shopp with all my working tooles and implements of tooles thereto belonging with my Stable and the other halfe of my Garden to him & his heirs for ever.

"Item. I give to Mary my wife all my household stuffe as bedsteads bedding and all thereto belonging Brasse, Pewter, Tables, Hutches and Linen, Woollen, and other necessities Stooles, Cupboards.

"Item. I give unto Ann Deeks my daughter twelve pence, the rest of my goods and Stock and moveables my debts being paid I give unto Marie my Wife and to Clement Spurgeon my Sonn which goodes are unbequeathed by me in this my Will

"Item. I nominate and appoint Mary my Wife

and Clement Spurgeon my Sonn, Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

"IN WITNESSE whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seale this Second day of May in the year of our Lord God, One thousand six hundred and fifty two.

"The mark of Clement Spurgeon sealed and delivered and witnessed in the presence of us George Cressall, the mark of Thomas Plumb and John Cressall."

"Proved at Braintree, June 13, 1662."

He was a son, probably the third, of Vincent Spurgeon the elder, who was buried at Halstead in 1625. How the name Clement came into the family we do not know. This Clement had a cousin Clement, son of his uncle, John Spurgeon, of Halstead, but otherwise he is the first of the name recorded. Thus we have a line of Clement Spurgeons for seven generations. Vincent Spurgeon the elder was probably a son of John Spurgeon, who married Joan Wangford at Halstead, in 1566, and the parents of this John were probably John and Ellen Spurgeon (John buried at Halstead in 1570, and Ellen in 1566). It is most probable that the Richard Spurgeon mentioned in the Patent Roll of 1551 was the father of this John, buried at Halstead in 1570. Such is the descent of the great preacher Charles Haddon Spurgeon, as far as can be traced, for eleven or twelve generations. The family, no doubt, was in the village much earlier; certainly there is evidence that the Spurgeons were within four miles of Halstead for a hundred years previous to this date, as is seen from the deed already mentioned, dated December 2, 1405, 5 Edward IV.

Will of John Spurgeon, of Halsted, Co. Essex, Apothecary (probably the youngest son of Clement and Isabella Spurgeon, of Halsted). Printed July 22, 1762 (Com. Lond. n. 1111, and Herts). Bequeath a Legacy of £100 to be invested toward the repairs of the Dissenting Meeting House at Halsted.

"In the name of God amen I John Spurgeon of Halsted in the County of Essex, Apothecary, being sick and weak in body but of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, Praised be to God for the same, Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say). I commend my Soul in the Hands of Almighty God my Creator hoping for pardon of all my sins through the merits & Mediations of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ and my body I commit to the Earth to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of the Executor hereinafter named. And as to my Worldly Estate I dispose thereof as followeth.

"First. I give devise and bequeath to Clement Spurgeon, Shoemaker the son of John Spurgeon late of Halsted aforesaid Perukemaker, deceased and to his Heirs and Assigns all that Messuage or Tenement situate lying and being in Hedingham Lane in Halsted aforesaid with the appurtenances and which adjoins the Piece there, as it was lately in the occupation of Henry Martin, Carpenter. Also I give devise and bequeath unto my Servant Martha Hoy and to her heirs and Assigns all those two Tenements now or late in the occupation of William Smith, Sayweaver and Samuel Allen, husbandman, situate lying and being in Halsted aforesaid abutting upon the Kings Highway leading from Halsted market Cross to Bocking by the Wash there; also I give devise and bequeath to Sarah the wife of Thomas Spurgeon of Sudbury in the county of Suffolk

all my other Messuages Land and Tenements and hereditaments whatsoever and wheresoever, to hold unto her and her Assigns for and during the Term of her natural life, and from and after her decease I give devise and bequeath all my said other Messuages Land Tenements and Hereditaments unto Hannah Spurgeon her Daughter and to her Heirs and Assigns for ever. Chargeable nevertheless and I do hereby charge all my said other Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments with One Annuity or yearly Rent charge of Five Pounds of lawful money of Great Britain to be issuing out of the same clear of all taxes and other charges, unto the said Martha Hay to be paid unto her for and during the term of her natural life by half yearly payments (that is to say at Lady Day and Michaelmas Day by even and equal portions the first payment to begin and be made on the first of the said days next after my decease. And in default of payment thereof within thirty days next after or after either of the said days of Payment I do hereby declare my mind and Will to be and I do hereby empower the said Martha Hay to enter into and upon all and every the said Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments so charged as aforesaid or any part or parts thereof to have hold and enjoy the same notwithstanding any bequest herein before made until she shall be fully paid and satisfied. All arrears of the said Annuity and all such costs and charges as she shall sustain or be put unto in relation to the same chargeable also. And I do hereby further charge my said other Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments with the payment of the further sum of Four Shillings a week and every week of like lawful money to be issuing out of the same clear of all taxes and other charges unto Susan Parminter of Halsted aforesaid widow to be paid unto her for and during the term of her natural life on every Munday morning the first payment to begin and

to be made on the first Munday morning next after my decease. And in default of payment I do hereby declare my Mind and Will to be and I do hereby empower the said Susan Parmiter to enter into and upon all and every my said other Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments so charged as aforesaid or any part or parts thereof and to have hold and enjoy the same untill she shall be fully satisfied and paid the same and all arrears, thereof and all such costs and charges as she shall sustain or be put unto in relation to the same. Also I give devise and bequeath unto John Clayton, Derby Marrett, John Woods, John Vaisey, Cornelius Cast, William Stuck the Elder, William Stuck the Younger, James Chubbiss, William Brown, Thomas Redgewell and Daniel Flack all of Halsted aforesaid except the said Daniel Flack who lives at Gosfield in the said County of Essex &c who are feoffees or Trustees for the Dissenting Meeting House at Halsted aforesaid and to their Assigns the sum of One hundred pounds of lawful money of Great Britain to be paid to them within six months next after my decease. Upon Trust to be by them or their Assigns or such of them as the Major part thereof shall by writing nominate and appoint or by the executors or Administrators of the Survivor of them put out at interest on Government or other Security and such securitys to alter and change as all of them or the Major part thereof shall think convenient and to apply and dispose of the interest Dividends and Profits thereof for and towards the repairs of the said Meeting House after deducting all such sum &c sums of money, costs, charges, expenses, and Damages as they or any of them shall pay expend, bestow lay out, sustain suffer or be unto for or by reason or means or in respect of the said premises. And I do hereby declare my Mind and Will to be that the said Trustees or any of them, their or any of their Executors, Administrators or Assigns shall not

be chargeable or accountable for any more money than they or any of them shall respectively and actually receive by virtue hereof, nor shall the one of them be answerable or chargeable for or with the Acts Receipt or default of the other of them but each for himself and his own Act or default only. And in case any loss or diminution shall happen of the said sum of One hundred pounds or any part thereof or of the Interest Dividends or profits thereof without the wilful neglect or default of them or some of them respectively then they or any of them shall not be charged or chargeable with such loss or liable to answer or make good the same or any part thereof. And in case such loss happens be or through the wilful neglect or default of them or any of them, then he or they only, who shall be guilty thereof shall be answerable for the same. Also I give and bequeath unto my said Servant Martha Hoy, the Bed, Bedstead and all belonging to it in the Chamber where I now lie and all the rest of the furniture in the same Chamber consisting of a Bureau a chest of Drawers a Clothes press, a Looking Glass, a small nest of Drawers where I usually lay writings, an armed old chair ditto a wooden one, three old cane Chairs and a Stove fire pan tongs and fender and also my old clock in my late Mother's Chamber the Cupboard in the Kitchen both parts in which I keep my writings and drinking glasses, a washing tub my little copper, my middle boiler & my old jack in the garrett and a spit, two best venells, six pewter plates two large pewter dishes, half my China and Earthenware, my warming pan, and frying pan and gridiron two pair of sheets such as I usually lie on, my small washing tub, an oval table which is now lent to Mr. Hornblow, two dozen of quart bottles, my large tea kettle, my small tea kettle, one large skillet, my largest box iron and the heaters belonging to it. Also I give and bequeath unto James Challis of Halsted aforesaid Baker Twenty Guineas of

lawful money of Great Britain, And I give devise and bequeath all the rest and residue of my personal estate, whatsoever and wheresoever unto the said Sarah the wife of the said Thomas Spurgeon, she paying for my arrears funeral charges and the charge of the Probate of this my will and I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint the said James Challis Sole Executor of this my last will and Testament and I do hereby revoke and make void all former Will or Wills by me made and do declare this to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have to this my last Will & Testament contained three sheets of paper set my seal to the label that affixeth them together and my hand to the two first sheets and my hand and seal to this last sheet this Ninth day of February in the second year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France & Ireland, King Defender of the Faith and in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and sixty two.

“JOHN SPURGEON.

“Signed, sealed published and declared by the said John Spurgeon the Testator to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us and by us subscribed and attested in his presence.

“GEO. BROOKE.

“GEO. BROOKE MEADOWS.

“GEO. JEWITT.”

“This Will was proved on the Twenty second day of July in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred & sixty two before the Rev. Joseph Mason, Clerk Surrogate etc. by the oath of James Challis the Sole Executor to whom Administration of all and singular the goods Chattels & Credits of the deceased was granted and committed on the thirty first day of July aforesaid he being first sworn only to Administer.”

SPURGEON EXTRACTS FROM THE HALSTEAD PARISH REGISTERS.

MARRIAGES

			Date.
Spurgeon, John	to	Jean Wanaford	1812
Collinson, William	"	Jane Spurgeon	1816
Spurgin, Thos.	"	Mary Harney	1879
Newton, Richd.	"	Mary Spurgin	1879
Dason, Katie	"	Crysgan Spurgin	1880
Adam, s. William	"	Grace Spurgin	1887
Spurgeon, Vincent	"	Alcey Luntz	1889
Spurgin, Clement	"	M. de Vin	1893
Persch, Richd.	"	Elizabeth Spurgin, widow	1893
Spurgin, Thos., widower	"	Margery Luntz	1897
Spurgin, John	"	Made S. Luntz	1897
Steward, Henrie	"	Ann Spurgin	1897
Stratt, Henrie	"	Mattie Spurgin	1898
Spurgin, William	"	Elizabeth Rosen	1898
Harvie, Thos.	"	Ellie Spurgin	1898
Brookes, Edward, widower	"	Maud Spurgin, widow	1898
Spurgin, Thos., widower	"	Harrison Luntz	1897
Diss, Francis, widower	"	Easter Spurgin	1898

(Pages of Register lost from 1887 to 1895.)

Spurgen, Vincent	to	Sarah Holmes	June 19, 1794
Spurgen, John	"	Ann Green	Dec. 3, 1798
Spurgen, Clement, of Halsted	"	Ann Gadsden, of Halsted	July 18, 1798
Spurgen, Clement	"	Ann Whitby	Sept. 1, 1798
Spurgen, John	"	Mary Nash	Oct. 11, 1798
Spurgen, John	"	Ann Cook	May 15, 1798
Spurgeon, Clement, widower	"	Maria Bayle, widow	April 3, 1798
Spurgen, Clement, single man	"	Elizabeth King	Dec. 18, 1798
Spurgen, Vincent	"	Sarah Curry	Oct. 31, 1798
Spurgeon, Clement	"	Ann Pitchbeck	} May 3, 1798
(autograph)			
Witnesses: Ann Brown and Robert Spurgeon.			

BAPTISMS.

Child.	Parent or Parents.	Date.
Spurgeon, John	Son of John Spurgeon	1804
Spurgeon, Thomas	Son of John Spurgeon	1817
Spurgin, John	Son of John Spurgin	1871
Spurgeon, Rychn.	Son of John Spurgin	1871
Spurgeon, Marie	Daughter of John Spurgeon	1879
Spurgeon, Joane	Daughter of John Spurgeon	1881

Child.	Father or Parents.	Date.
Spurgeon, John	Son of Vincent Spurgin	1571
Spurgin, Grace	Daughter of John Spurgin	1571-1573
Spurgin, Elizabeth	Daughter of John Spurgin	1571
Spurgin, John	Son of John Spurgin	1571
Spurgin, Ellen	Daughter of John Spurgin	1571
Spurgin, Clement	Son of Vincent Spurgin	1571-1573
Spurgin, Richard	Son of John Spurgin	1571
Spurgin, Thomas	Son of Thomas Spurgin	1571
Spurgin, Peter	Son of Thomas Spurgin	1571
Spurgin, Thomas	Son of Vincent Spurgin	1571-1573
Spurgin, Clements	Son of John Spurgin	1571-1573
Spurgin, Mary	Daughter of Thomas Spurgin	1571
Spurgin, Ann	Daughter of John Spurgin	1571
Spurgin, Joan	Daughter of Thomas Spurgin	1571
Spurgin, Jane	Daughter of Vincent Spurgin	1571-1573
Spurgin, Ellen	Daughter of John Spurgin	1571-1573
Spurgin, Elizabeth	Daughter of Thomas Spurgin	1571-1573
Spurgin, William	Son of Thomas Spurgin	1571
Spurgin, John	Son of Thomas Spurgin	1571
Spurgin, Martha	Daughter of Thomas Spurgin	1571
Spurgin, Robert	Son of Thomas Spurgin	1571
Spurgin, Nathaniel	Son of Thomas Spurgin	1571
Spurgin, Henrie	Son of John Spurgin	1571
Spurgin, Ellen	Daughter of Thomas Spurgin	1571
Spurgin, Anne	Daughter of Clement and Marie Spurgin	1571
Spurgin, Hester	Daughter of John and Hester Spurgin	1571
Spurgin, Clement	Son of Clement and Marie Spurgin	1571
Spurgin, Vincent	Son of Clement and Marribe Spurgin	1571
Spurgin, Jane	Son of John Spurgin	1571
Spurgin, Richard	Daughter of John Spurgin	1571

(Registers of 1571 to 1573 are missing.)

Spurgin, Henrie	Son of Mathie Spurgin	1571
Spurgin, William	Son of William and Elizabeth Spurgin	1571
Spurgin, Mary	Daughter of William Spurgin	1571
Spurgin, Thomas	Son of William Spurgin	1571
Spurgin, John	Son of Clement and Marie Spurgin	1571
Spurgin, Jeremiah	Son of Constance and Mary Spurgin	1571

(Register of Baptisms 1571 to 1573, and 1574 to 1576, are missing.)

NOTE.—There are no entries of Spurgin family up to 1571. If any were baptized they may have been entered in the Church Register.

Child.	Parental names.	Date.
Spurgen, James	(Children of John and Hannah)	
Spurgen, Mary	Spurgen	April 21, 1773
Spurgen, Robert	Son of John Spurgeon	Nov. 21, 1773
Spurgen, Ann	(Children of Clement and Ann)	July 14, 1774
	Spurgen	
Spurgen, John, aged 29	(Children of John and Ann)	
Spurgen, Ann	Spurgen	Aug. 27, 1777
Spurgen, Clement	Son of Clement and Ann	Aug. 27, 1777
	Spurgen	
Spurgen, Ann, aged 27	(Children of Vincent and Sarah)	
Spurgen, Vincent	Spurgen	1778
Spurgen, John	Son of Clement and Ann	Dec. 27, 1778
	Spurgen	
Spurgen, Martha	(Children of Clement and Elizabeth)	
Spurgen, Clement	born Spurgen	Mar. 21, 1779
Spurgen, Joseph	Son of Joseph and Ann Spurgeon	April 22, 1779
Spurgen, William	Son of Jeremiah and Hannah	April 22, 1779
	Spurgen	
Spurgen, Martha	Daughter of Vincent and Sarah	April 21, 1779
	Spurgen	
Spurgen, Robert, aged 20	Son of John	April 2, 1779
Spurgen, Clement	Son of John and Anna Spurgeon	Apr. 21, 1779
Spurgen, Samuel	Son of Jeremiah and Hannah	April 21, 1779
	Spurgen	
Spurgen, Elizabeth	Daughter of John and Elizabeth	Sept. 7, 1779
	Spurgen	
Spurgen, Martha	Daughter of Vincent and Sarah	Apr. 21, 1779
	Spurgen	
Spurgen, Michael	Son of Joseph and Hannah	Jan. 1, 1779
	Spurgen	
Spurgen, John	Son of John and Elizabeth	April 14, 1779
	Spurgen	
Spurgen, William	Son of Jeremiah and Hannah	April 19, 1779
	Spurgen	
Spurgen, Robert	(Children of Robert and Susan)	
Spurgen, Susan	Spurgen	April 13, 1779
Spurgen, Mary, aged 2	(Children of Clement and Elizabeth)	
Spurgen, Martha	born Spurgen	April 2, 1779
Spurgen, Sarah	Daughter of Vincent and Sarah	April 21, 1779
	Spurgen	
Spurgen, Henry	Son of Joseph and Anne	April 1, 1777
	Spurgen	
Spurgen, Sarah	Daughter of Clement and Elizabeth	April 21, 1779
	born Spurgen	
Spurgen, John	Son of Vincent and Sarah	April 6, 1779
	Spurgen	
Spurgen, Susannah	Daughter of Clement and Elizabeth	Mar. 21, 1779
	born Spurgen	

BURIALS.

	Dr.
Spurgen, Ellen	1672
Spurgeon, John	1672
Spurgen, Isaac, with	1672-1677
Spurgine, John, senior, brother of Vincent Spurgine	1677
Spurgin, Vincent, son of	1677
Spurgin, John, an infant of	1679
Spurgin, Hester, wife of John Spurgin	1680
Spurgin, John, blacksmith	1680
Spurgin, Jane, daughter of Thos. and Mary Spurgin	1680
Spurgin, Maria, wife of Thomas Spurgin	1680
Spurgin, Clement, had a child buried	1684
Spurgin, William	1684-1683
Spurgen, Clement, I of	1685
Spurgin, Chimance, child of	1686
Spurgin, Clim, child of	1679

(Pages of Register from 1678 are lost till 1714.)

*The Non-Parochial Registers and the Church Books of
Halstead, County Essex.*

There seems to have been very little regularity in the keeping of these registers, so that scanty is the information gathered from them relating to the Spurgeon family; as a matter of fact, the "Regular Account of Children Baptised" begins only in 1786, and is so spasmodic that it hardly deserves the term "regular" until the year 1829. Among the early entries the following are found:

The name of Hannah Spurgeon is given in the list of church members in the years 1672, 1709, 1740, 1802; Rachel Spurgeon, 1822 (wife of William Spurgeon, broker), and Sarah Marvan, 1825. "Sister Spurgeon" is named once or twice about 1740 (probably this was the wife of Rev. Samuel Spurgeon, pastor of the church at that time); Sarah, daughter of Rachel Spurgeon, 1814.

November 12, 1720: "Disburst for the Meeting

House. Paid Mr. Spurgeon for the ground £15. 00. 00. Fifteen pounds."

Under date 1725: "Memorandum: Whereas Mr. Clement Spurgin had taken up four pews in the Pew in the Meeting House No. 23, now since the decease of Mrs. Holman, the said whole pew is become the sole right of him and his heirs."

In 1728 John Spurgen (as a trustee himself) witnessed the restoration of two gentlemen to the trusteeship relating to the meeting-house.

"April 9, 1736: "To cash paid ye Rev. Mr. Spurgin, for preaching one whole Lords Day 15s."

Similar accounts and quarterly salary payments to Mr. Spurgeon occur between 1736 and 1744. This was the Rev. Samuel Spurgeon who became pastor of the church July 19 (or June, as given in another entry, 1737.)

In 1816 a Joseph Spurgeon was admitted into church membership. His wife Mary had joined the church two years earlier.

In 1837 Mary Diss (formerly Spurgeon) is mentioned, and in 1841 Mary Ann Fince (formerly Spurgeon).

Born	Baptized	Child and Parents.
Sept. 28, 1817	May 28, 1823	Elizabeth, daughter of William and Rachel Spurgeon (1st Church).
Oct. 3, 1820	May 28, 1823	Mary, daughter of William and Rachel Spurgeon (1st Church).
Mar. 11, 1823	May 28, 1823	James Noaks Spurgeon, son of William and Rachel Spurgeon.
April 24, 1821	April 7, 1824	Hannah, daughter of Joseph and Mary Spurgeon (1st Church).
July 25, 1823	April 7, 1824	John Spurgeon, son of Joseph and Mary Spurgeon.
Dec. 7, 1827	April 20, 1828	Maria, daughter of William and Rachel Spurgeon.
Feb. 21, 1830	—	Stephen, son of Joseph and Mary Spurgeon.
Nov. 2, 1833	—	Maria, daughter of Stephen and Susan Spurgeon, hat-maker and Susan his wife.

Born.	Baptized.	Parents.
April 9, 1836	—	Georgina of Stephen Child and Sarah Spurgeon, (all deceased).
May 27, 1837	—	Henry of William Spurgeon and Sarah Spurgeon, (all deceased).
Dec. 24, 1837	—	Elizabeth of William Spurgeon and Sarah Spurgeon, (all deceased).
July 15, 1842	—	John of William and Sarah Spurgeon (all deceased).

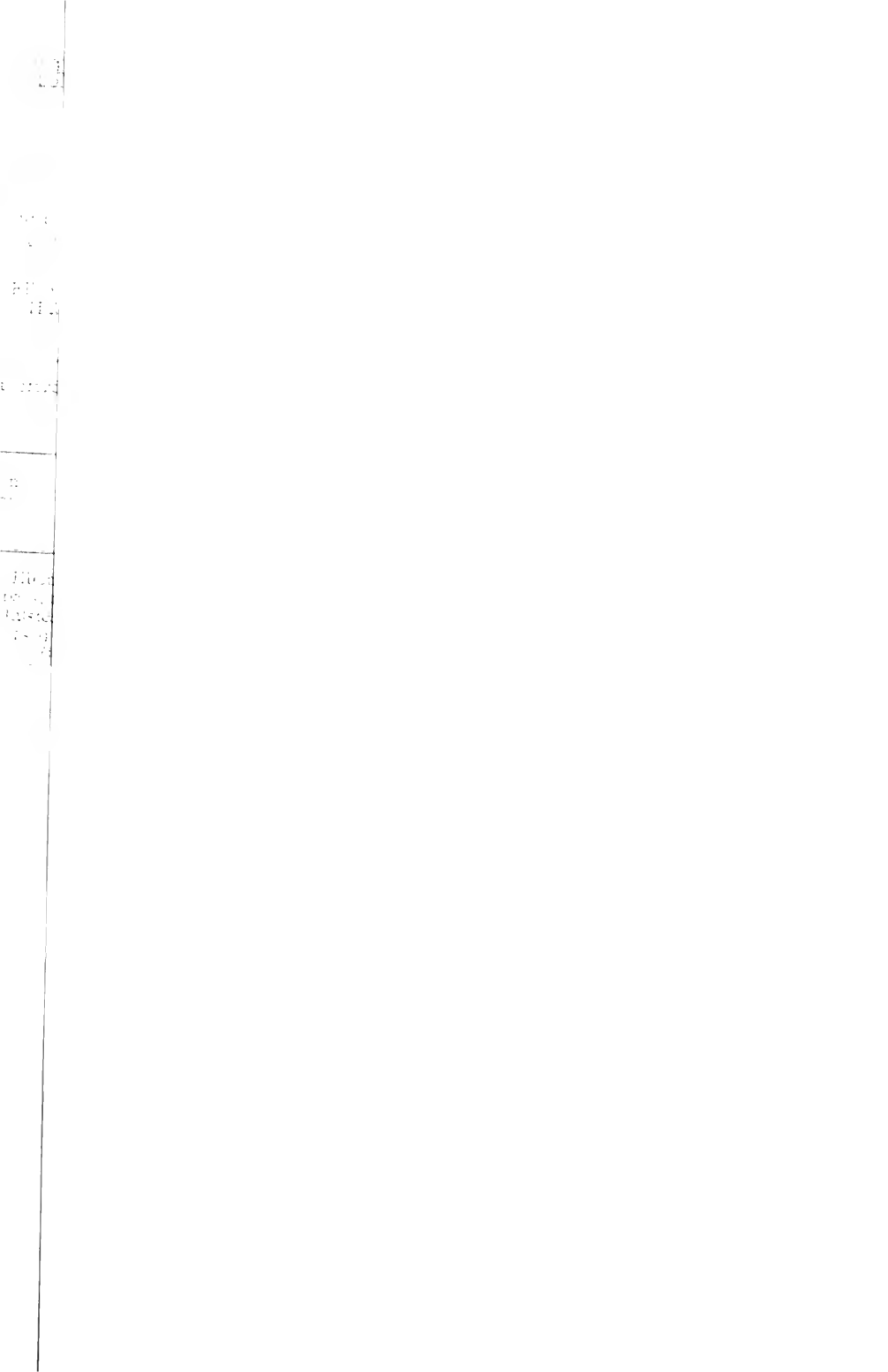
BURIAL ACCOUNTS.

Dec. 22, 1799.	By Cash for Breaking Ground for Clement Spurgeon, 5s. 6d.
Dec. 5, 1804.	By Cash for Head and Foot Stone for Clement Spurgeon, 10s. 6d.
Jan. 4, 1811.	By Cash for Breaking Ground for William Spurgeon, Child, 5s. 6d.
May 2, 1811.	By Cash for Breaking Ground for Sarah Spurgeon, 5s. 6d.
April 1, 1822.	By Cash for Breaking Ground for Henry Spurgeon, Child, 5s. 6d.
Oct. 14, 1825.	By Cash for Breaking Ground for William Spurgeon, Child, 5s. 6d.
May 27, 1826.	By Cash for Breaking Ground for James Spurgeon, Child, 5s. 6d.
Aug. 2, 1827.	By Cash for Breaking Ground for Mrs. Spurgeon, 5s. 6d.
May 21, 1830.	By Cash for Breaking Ground for Mary Ann Spurgeon, 5s. 6d.
Dec. 12, 1831.	By Cash for Breaking Ground for William Spurgeon, Child, 5s. 6d.
Feb. 3, 1831.	By Cash for Breaking Ground for Mary Spurgeon, 5s. 6d.
Jan. 13, 1833.	By Cash for Breaking Ground for Henry Spurgeon, Child, 5s. 6d.
Nov. 29, 1834.	By Cash for Breaking Ground for Clement Spurgeon, 5s. 6d.
Sept. 21, 1833.	By Cash for Breaking Ground for Stephen Spurgeon, Child, 5s. 6d.
Dec. 21, 1835.	By Cash for Breaking Ground for William Spurgeon (Constable), 5s. 6d.
Mar. 26, 1836.	By Cash for Breaking Ground for William Spurgeon's Daughter, 5s. 6d.
Mar. 26, 1836.	By Cash for Breaking Ground for Clement Spurgeon's Daughter, 5s. 6d.
May 2, 1836.	By Cash for Breaking Ground for Widow Spurgeon's Child, 5s. 6d.

ACCOUNTS FOR COTTAGES IN PARSONAGE LANE.

Jan. 4, 1800.	Jo. Spurgeon, a Quarter's Rent due Xmas last	2	5	d.
May 31, 1800.	Jo. Spurgeon, a Quarter's Rent due Lady Day	17	0	
June 5, 1800.	Jno. Gibson, One Year's Rent due Lady Day	17	0	
Aug. 3, 1800.	Jo. Spurgeon, a Quarter's Rent due Midsummer	3	0	0
Oct. 22, 1800.	Jo. Spurgeon, a Quarter's Rent due Michaelmas last	17	0	
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The same follows on to October 28, 1821: after this date it was paid by Widow Spurgeon, the last entry being June 24, 1837.



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FILED ORIGINAL WILLS, COM. LONDON, ESSEX, AND HERTS. AT S. MARY'S
HOUSE, 1431-1696.

Name.	Place.	Date.	Register &c.
John Spurgion (hus- bandman) ...	Of Much Donmow	1562	-
Annis Spurgine ...	Of Blacknotye	1575	-
Wylliam Spurgian	Of Eastwood	Novr., 1577	--
Thomas Spurgeon (husbandman) ...	Of Thundersley	1581	--
Alyce Spurgyn ...	Of Santa Remit	Feb., 1601	-
Clement Spurgin ...	Of Halsted	1611-62	146
Sara Spurgin ...	Of Woodham	1616-67	5
Clement Spurgion...	Of Halsted	1621-62	70

REGISTERED WILLS, COM. LONDON, ESSEX, AND HERTS. AT S. MARY'S
HOUSE, 1660-1844.

Name.	Place.	Date.	Register &c.
Clement Spurgin ...	Of Halsted	1662	Nov. 1662
Sara Spurgin ...	Of Woodham Forrys	1666-70	Feb. 1667
Clement Spurgin ...	Of Halsted	1680-83	Rickett 1187
Clement Spurgin ...	Of Halsted	1714-19	Mar. 1719
John Spurgion ...	Of Remwell	1722	"1722" 1723
Clement Spurgeon	Of Halsted	1733	Mar. 1733
Elizabeth Spurgin	Of Halsted	1737	With July 1737
Jane Spurgin ...	Of St. Nicholas, Col- chester	1739	"Oct. 1739"
John Spurgeon ...	Of Halsted	1762	"July 1762"
Augustus Spurgion	Of Prittlewell	1772	"1772" 1773
George Spurgin ...	Of Follesbury	1792	"1792" 1793

Name	Place.	Date.	Refiner Folio.
Mary Spurgin (formerly Drunston)	Of Dadham	1803	"Oct. 1803," 312
Edward Spurgeon...	Of Halsted	1812	"1812," 312
John Spurgeon ...	Of P. Ashbury	1815	"Feb. 7, 1815," 171
George Spurgin ...	Of Sandmister	1816	Admon. March
John Spurgeon ...	Of St. Mary's, Colchester	1819	Will, 1819, 521
Susannah Spurgeon	Of St. Peter's, Colchester	1822	Admon. March
Mary Spurgeon ...	Of St. Mary's, Colchester	1823	Will, 1823, 251
John Spurgin ...	Of Hasfield Peverill	1824	Admon. Jan. (buried at - 22)
William Spurgin ...	Of Little Baddow	1825	Admon. Dec.

REGISTERED WILLS, ARCHDEACONRY OF MIDDLESEX.
1556-1810 (COMPLETE).

Name.	Place.	Date.	Refiner Folio.
John Spurginn ...	Of Flested	May 22, 1592	Middlefield, 264
Thomas Spurgin ...	Of Much Mapleston	1561. 7, 1596	Grave, 48
William Spurgine ...	Of Flested	Feb. 5, 1599	Grave, 122
John Spurgeon ...	Of Great Mapleston	Oct. 25, 1693	Sammy, 47
John Spurgeon ...	Of Mapleston Magna	Dec. 6, 1693	"1693-1721," 38

(Note: none between 1693 and 1810.)

Notes from the Will of Edward Spurgeon, of Harleston, Suffolk, Yeoman, dated March 25, 40 Queen Elizabeth, P.C.C., Book "L. 22," fol. 31, and 1597.

He appears to have had no children. He mentions his sister Alice, leaving her 40s. He leaves his brothers' children 10s. apiece.

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He left his tenement at Harleston to Richard Muskett upon conditions that he paid to his executors £24, according to his obligation, and if default be made therefrom, then to his wife Ellen.

William Smith of Theltham, and Ellen, his wife, executors.

Witnesses: WILLIAM MUSKETT, Senr.

JOHN MUSKETT

MARIE MUSKETT

WILLIAM MUSKETT (the Wrighter).

Will of Thomas Spurgeon, of Great Baddow, County of Essex. Proved 1673, Prerogative Court of Canterbury.

"In the name of God Amen, the One and Twentieth day of February and in the Five and Twentieth year of the reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles the Second of England, King, Anno Domini 1672. I Thomas Spurgeon of Great Baddow, in the County of Essex Yeoman, being weake and crasy in body, but of sound and perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to Almighty God for the same and knowing the uncertainty of things in this life upon earth, and desirous to settle things in order do make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following, and first and principally I commit my Soule into the hands of Almighty God my Creator.

through whose mercies in His Beloved Son Christ Jesus I looke for full pardon and forgiveness of all my sins, and my Body I committ into the ground from whence it was taken to be devoutly buried in such Christian manner as my Executors hereinafter named shall seeme meet and convenient, and for such my worldly estate as the Lord in mercy hath bestowed on mee here in this Life upon earth I give and bequeath the same as followeth.

“Item. I give and bequeath unto Sibilla my Daughter the summe of Fifty Pounds of lawfull money of England to be paid unto her my said Daughter by my Executors hereinafter named when the my said Daughter shall attaineth her full age of one and twenty years.

“Item. I give and bequeath unto my loving Wife Mary Spurgeon all that my Customary House lying in Great Bursted in the said County of Essex known or called by the name of Burnt Beedens together with all the Woods, Underwoods, Lands, Houses, Outhouses, and appurtences whatsoever to my said Wife or her assignes for and during the term of her naturall Life. And after her decease then I give and bequeath the said House, Outhouses, Woods, Lands and appurtences unto the said Sibilla my Daughter and her heirs for ever, and my Will and mind further is. That if my said Daughter shall happen to die or depart this Life without issue of her body lawfully begotten that there and in such case after the decease of my said Wife, I do give and bequeath my said House, Outhouses, Woods, Lands, and appurtences as aforesaid unto my Loving Kinsman Benjamin Spurgeon, Son of my Brother Robert Spurgeon and his heirs for ever, and for all other my moveables money, goods and chattels whatsoever hereby ungiven and unbequeathed I do give and bequeath the same unto my said Wife Mary Spurgeon for her paying my first debts and Legacies and discharging my Funerall charges and I do hereby make

constitute and appoint the said Mary my Wife sole executrix of this my last Will and Testament.

"In witness whereof I the said Thomas Spurgeon have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written THOMAS SPURGEON. Signed Sealed declared and published to be the last Will and Testament of the said Thomas Spurgeon in the presence of us,

"JAMES PALMER.

"SIBYLLA EVERARD.

"THOMAS VESEY."

Will of John Spurgeon, of Maplestead Magna. Proven December 6 (1693, Arch. Middlesex, Essex, and Herts, Book "Sanney," 1690).

"In the name of God Amen I John Spurgeon of Maplestead Magna in the County of Essex Yeoman being in health & of perfect memory doe make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner & forme as followeth.

"Impts. I bequeath my Soule into the hand of Almighty God hoping through the alone meritts of Jesus Christ to have remission of my Sinns and Admission into His Kingdome & for my worldly goods I give and bequeath as following.

"Item. I give and bequeath unto Charles Hurrell and his heirs for ever if he hath or shall have by my daughter all my lands ([that] now is in my own) the House and Barnes Outhouses, Yards Orchard & all things thereunto belonging wheresoever.

"Item. I give and bequeath unto Thomas Goodwin of Tilbury one shilling to be paid within one month after my decease.

"Item. I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Aylward of this Parish the sume of twenty shilling to be paid by my Exors ten day after my decease.

"Item. All the moveables & implements of husbandry Clothes whatsoever I have & possess I give & bequeath to the above named Charles Hurrell my Son in law whom I doe make ordaine and constitute sole exor of this my last Will and Testament hereunto, I have set my hand and seal this sixth day of October in the third year of the reigne of our Sovereign Lord & Lady William & Mary by the Grace of God etc. and in the year of our Lord God 1691 the marke of John Spurgeon sealed published & delivered in the presence of John Brewer. John (Ffurborne) Senr. the mark of Rebecca Smith.

"Proved Dec. 6th 1693."

*A Letter sent to the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon from the
Elizabeth S. Hoys.*

“St. John's, April 26, 1857.

“DEAR SIR,

“I thought I would sit down and address you a letter telling you that there are a family of Spurgeons in this part of God's earth, and they are some of them, or were (as they have gone to their reward), ministers. My grandfather, Elijah Spurgeon, was a Methodist minister, and his brother, Jesse Spurgeon, was a Methodist minister. Our branch of the Spurgeon family are all Methodists, except one of my brothers, William Spurgeon, who was a Baptist. I believe that is your Church. In looking over my father's diary I find this item: ‘My great Grandfather James Spurgeon come from England about the years 1704 to 10, and was from near London.’ My father had three brothers, Jesse Spurgeon, Nimrod, and Asa. My father's name was Moses R. Spurgeon. There were eight of us in my father's house; three died in infancy, two in manhood's prime, and four are left—my brother, James Spurgeon; my sister, Mrs. Anne Lawson; brother, Rufus Spurgeon; and myself, Eliza Spurgeon Hoys. Would be glad if you will write and say that you received my letter. If you write to me address

“ELIZA S. HOYS,

“St. John's.

“REV. SPURGEON, London, Eng.”

The Rudkin Family.

Mr. Haddon Rudkin, of Coggeshall, had three sons—one named Haddon, one named John, a doctor, who married a Miss Rist and went to live at Ipswich, and one named Samuel. He had also six daughters, the eldest,

named Sarah, being the grandmother of the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon; one was named Ann and married Mr. Johnson, one married a Mr. Worth, one married a Mr. Carter, one a Mr. Borman, and one a Mr. Joslin, or Jocelyne. The said Mr. Haddon Rudkin had also a sister, named Stammers, who lived at Witham. Sarah, the eldest daughter of the said Mr. Haddon Rudkin, was twin with Samuel, who was the father of Haddon Rudkin, of Braintree, who married Hephzibah Oliver; said H. Rudkin was the father of George Rudkin.

Various Marriage, Baptismal and Burial Notes.

“James Spurgen of the Parish of Stratford St. Mary, Singleman & Rachel Catchpole of this Parish Singlewoman married in this Church by Licence this ninth day of July in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy nine by me

“S. NEWMAN
“Vicar.

“Between us JAMES SPURGIN.
RACHEL CATCHPOLE.

“In the presence of JOHN SPURGEON
HANNAH SQUORRETT.”

THE REGISTERS OF ST. BOTOLPH, DISHOPSGATE, VOL. I.
MARRIAGES.

1715, Aug. 1. John Spurgin and Frances Ward, B.

THE REGISTERS OF ST. GEORGE'S, HANOVER SQUARE, VOL. I.
MARRIAGES.

1767, May 18. James Johnson, B., and Rachel Spurgin, S.

THE REGISTERS OF ST. GEORGE'S, HANOVER SQUARE, VOL. III.
MARRIAGES.

1817, June 11. Samuel Spurgin and Sarah Ayres.

THE REGISTERS OF ST. PETER'S, CERNHILL, PART II.

CHILDBIRTHS.

1754, Nov. 22. Daniel, son of Daniel and Mary Spurgeon.

1777, Dec. 15. Daniel, son of Daniel and Mary Spurgeon.

THE REGISTERS OF ST. DUNSTON'S, STEPNEY, VOL. I.

MARRIAGES.

1613, Nov. 2. Mathew Spurgine of Limehouse and Marrett ———.

1624, Jan. 12. Richard Reignalls of Limehouse. Marriet. and Margarit Spurgin, W.

1626, June 22. Stephen Pope of Poplar, labourer, and Alice Spurgeon, W., L.R.L.

1634, Feb. 9. Robert Spurgin of Wapping, wariner, and Rose Davis, M.

THE REGISTERS OF ST. DUNSTON'S, STEPNEY, VOL. II.

MARRIAGES.

1642, Sept 1. William Petty of Poplar, Taylor, and Jane Spurgin of Waping, M.

1644, June 10. Peter Mootham of Waping Wall, Shipwright, and Rose Spurgin, W.

1656, May 13. John Hastings of St. Paul, Shadwel, Mariner, and Alice Spurgin of King Street, S.

THE REGISTERS OF ST. DUNSTON'S, STEPNEY, VOL. III.

MARRIAGES.

1706, April 19. William Spurgin of Doshal Green, Weaver, and Elizabeth White, S.

1717, April 25. Nathaniel Spurgin of Sp. f., Weaver, and Mary Smith, S.

MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS IN THE CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD OF
ELLOUGH.

In Memory of William John, son of John and Lydia Spurgeon, who died November 23rd, 1848, aged 4 months.

In affectionate Remembrance of Amos, second son of John and Lydia Spurgeon, who died 21st February, 1856, aged 26 years.

REGISTERS OF LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

MARRIAGES.

1739, July 9. Isaac Spurgeon, Sojourner, and Mary Thredgell of this parish, both single, married by Bans.

REGISTERS OF ST. NICHOLAS ADOBS, LONDON.

MARRIAGES.

1568-9, Jan. 26. Richard Blunt and Margery Spurgeon.

ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH, STAIN, RAMSGATE, CO. KENT.

DEATHS.

Jane, the wife of Thomas Spurgeon, and daughter of George and Jane Muddale, died October 13, 1774, aged 17 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Mary, wife of Thos. Spurgeon, died May 16, 1783, aged 45 years.

Francis, daughter of Thos. Spurgeon, died December 26, 1783, aged 13 years.

Elizabeth Toxford, daughter of Thomas Spurgeon, died November 5, 1789, aged 8 months.

Thomas Spurgeon, died April 5, 1800, aged 79 years.

Susanah, daughter of Thos. Spurgeon, died October 9, 1808, aged 21 years.

VARIOUS DEATH AND BURIAL EXTRACTS.

Name.	Date of Death.	Age.	Residence.	Description.	Monthly Meeting including Burial.	Date.	Place of Burial.
Spurgeon, Jeremiah	---	13 days	---	Son of Jeremiah and Jane	Colchester	1693.5.27	---
Spurgeon, Jeremiah	---	33 years	---	Daughter	Colchester	1699.8.19	Chapp. H. Gray's yard
Spurgeon, Anne	---	3 years	---	---	Colchester	1700.9.31	---
Spurgeon, Mary	---	---	Harrold, Coggeshall, Essex	Widow	With no Coggeshall	1729.1.14	W.atham
Spurgeon, Margaret	1756.6.1	50 years	---	---	---	1756.6.9	Coggeshall

EXTRACTS FROM REGISTERS AT DEVONSHIRE HOUSE FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE.
MARRIAGES.

Date.	Where Married.	Name.	Rank or Condition.	Residence.	Father's Name.	Where Married.
1699.6.4	---	Spurgeon, Jeremy	---	---	---	Colchester
1700.5.19	---	Duell, Jane	---	---	---	Colchester
1700.5.19	---	Spurgeon, Sarah	---	---	---	Colchester
1700.5.19	---	Spurgeon, Thomas	Distiller	Colchester	Jeremiah Spurgeon Thomas Kendall	Colchester
1700.5.19	---	Spurgeon, Anne	---	---	---	Colchester
1700.5.19	---	Spurgeon, Jane	---	---	---	Colchester
1700.5.19	---	Spurgeon, Margaret	---	---	---	Colchester
1700.6.4	Coggeshall	Spurgeon, Margaret	Farmer	Oldham, Essex	Isaac and Margaret Spurgeon James and Maria Sewell	Colchester
1700.6.4	---	Sewell, Jane, young	---	---	---	Colchester

BIRTHS.

No.	Name.	Date.	Place of Birth.	Father.	Where Married.
1	Spurgeon, Jane	1693.5.27	Colchester	Jeremiah and Jane	Colchester
2	Spurgeon, Mary	1699.8.19	Colchester	Jeremiah and Jane	Colchester
3	Spurgeon, Anne	1700.9.31	Colchester	Jeremiah and Jane	Colchester
4	Spurgeon, Thomas	1700.9.31	Colchester	Jeremiah and Jane	Colchester
5	Spurgeon, Margaret	1700.9.31	Colchester	Jeremiah and Jane	Colchester

VARIOUS NOTES. ETC.

Will of John Morley, the elder, of Halsted (father of Elizabeth, the wife of Clement Spurgeon, of Halsted). Proved at Braintree, Co. Essex. September 6 (see p. 9).

"In the name of God Amen I John Morley the elder of Halsted in the County of Essex, Butcher being weak in body but of sound and perfect memory, thanks be given to Almighty God for the same do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following viz.

"First and principally I commend my soul unto the hands of the Lord Jesus Christ hoping by his merits to receive free pardon of all my Sins, and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my eldest sonne John Morley, but my mind and will is that he shall not bestow more than twenty pounds at my funerall.

"Item. I give and bequeath unto my said eldest son John Morley and his heirs for ever, all that parcel of land and wood grounds which I late purchased of Mr. Blunt, and lying and being situate in the said county of Essex and now is in the occupation of William Abraham or his Assigns together with all ways and appurtenances thereto belonging and also my leather bed and a bedsted and all things thereunto belonging which he usually used to ly on and is now standing or being in the Kitchen Chamber.

"Item. I give and bequeath unto my Grandchild John Morley eldest son of my said son John Morley all those houses outhouses yards gardens ways and appurtenances to the same belonging which are now in my own occupation and in the occupation of John Smith and to the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten and for want of such heirs I give the same premises to my Grandchild

Edward Morley one other of the sons of my said eldest Son John Morley and to the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten and for the want of such heirs I give the same profits to my grandchild Mary Morley one of the daughters of my said eldest son John Morley and her heirs for ever.

“Item. I give to my daughter Susan the wife of Joseph Holmes my Silver Tankard.

“Item. I give to my daughter Martha the wife of William Newman my piece of plate made in the fashion of a mug.

“Item. I give to my said Grandchild John Morley my two coffers and the iron back in the hall chimney.

“Item. My will is that my four daughters that is to say Elisabeth, Thomasin, Susan, and Martha shall receive the profits of the said houses for six months next after my decease.

“Item. My will is that all my goods and chattels whatsoever and wheresoever all the mortgage bonds and bills that are made in my name found at my death (my loving wife having liberty to take to her own use all the goods and chattels that she brought with her when she came to Halsted shall be equally divided within six days after my decease by my loving and trusty friends Mr. Nicholas Marrel and Mr. Thomas French between my three daughters and my grandchild that is to say Elisabeth now the wife of Clement Spurgeon, Susan now the wife of Joseph Holmes, and Martha now the wife of William Newman and my grandson Thomasin Cook the only daughter of my said daughter Thomasin. But my will is that before there is such division made the said Nicholas Marrett and the said Thomas French or either of them shall secure the value of twenty five pounds which said summe my will is shall be paid by them or either of them in manner following that is to say five

pounds a piece to the four eldest children of Mary now the wife of John Rush and the other five pounds to my grandchild Samuel Holmes son of Joseph Holmes as they shall severally attain their age of twenty one or day of marriage which shall first happen if the same be demanded or to the survivor or survivors of them.

“Item. I give and bequeath unto my son in law Clement Spurgin and to Elisabeth his now wife for and during the term of their several lives and the life of the longer liver of them those two houses or tenements with the yard appurtenances to the same belonging as the same are situate in a lane called the Parsonage Lane, Halsted aforesaid and are now in the several occupation of Daniel Jefferye and Frances Leeke their assignee or assigns upon this condition that the said Clement Spurgeon or Elisabeth his wife shall pay for the probate of this my will and shall also pay to my trusty and loving friends the said Nicholas Marret and Thomas French to each of them one guinea in gold and to my kinswoman Mary Bragg near Saint Saviours Dockhead in Southwark, London, the summe of twenty shilling yearly every year for the full term of five years next after my decease and if she should depart this life before the said years be expired then my will is it shall be paid to her daughter the remaining part of the said five years without any charge or trouble and after the decease of my said son in law Clement Spurgin and Elisabeth his wife, I give the last mentioned two houses or tenements with the appurtenances unto my grandchild Mary Spurgin and the heirs of her body lawfully to be begotten and for want of such issue to my grandchild Clement Spurgin and the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten and for want of such heirs to his right heirs for ever.

“Item. I give and bequeath unto my grandchild Martha Spurgin and her heirs for ever that messuage or tenement with all the yards and appurtenances to the same

belonging which I late purchas'd of Elizabeth Chapman widow as the same are situate lying and being in Halsted aforesaid in a yard adjoining to the premises of Thomas Copple and are now in the occupation of Geo. life and I do nominate and appoint my said grandchild's Daniel Holmes sole executor of this my last will and testament contained in one sheet of paper revoking all other will and wills formerly by me made.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale the fourth day of June in the eight year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord William by the grace of God over England, Holland France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith Annoque done one thousand six hundred and ninety and six the marke of John Morley the elder signed sealed published and declared to be the last will and testament of the within named John Morley the elder in the presence of us after this paper was stamp't with a sixpenny stamp.

"NEHEMIAH KING.

"JOHN BAKER.

"JOHN KING."

"As a codicil to this my will I add as followeth :

"Item. I give and bequeath to my loving wife all the rents that shall be due at the time of my decease for all the houses lands and woods that were my said loving wives before I was married to her.

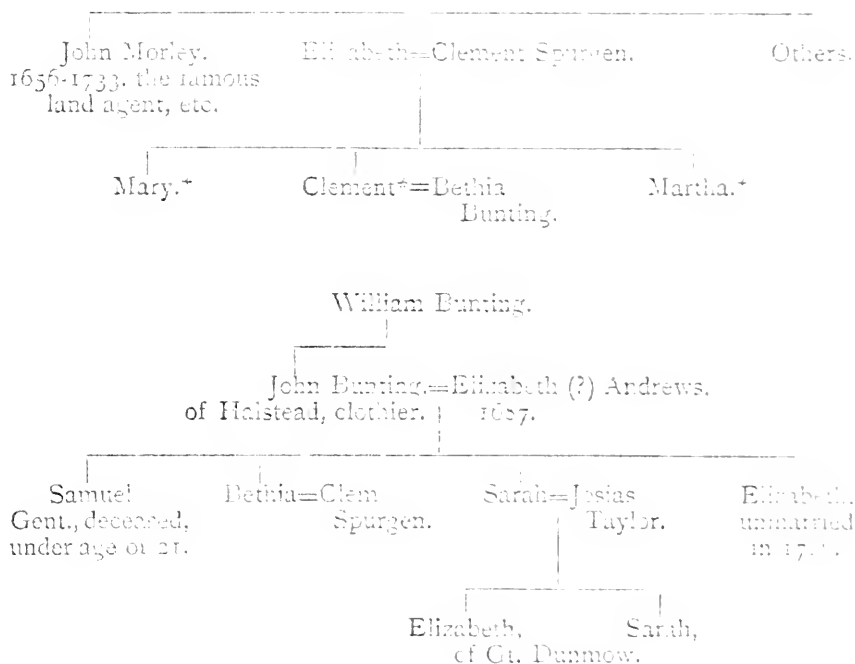
"Item. I give and bequeath unto my loving wife all the goods and chattels shee brought to Halsted with her which said goods and chattels are before in my said will expressed to be excepted for her own use.

"Item. My will is that Mr. Nicholas Marrel one of the trustees to my will shall pay to my loving wife four pounds to buy her a mourning suite. I also give her a red petticoate.

"(July 25, 1626. Witnesses Abraham Cooke, James Button, John Knight.)

"Proved at Braintree Sept. 7th, 1696, by Joseph Holmes, Samuel Holmes being sick and infirm."

John Morley, = Julian Pragg,
butcher (w. proved at
Brah tree 24. 12. 1901)
possessed lands and
houses.



From Joseph Besse's collection of the "Sufferings of the People called Quaker, for the Testimony of a Good Conscience." Taken from "Original Records & other

* Mentioned in the will.

Authentick Accounts," Vol. I., 1753. Under the head "Essex," pp. 205 and 207, are the following :

Anno 1677. Taken for a Meeting at Dedham.

From Samuel Green, at whose house it was held,	4	0	0	From a meeting
goods worth	13	3	6	(p. 205)
Job Spurgeon, Robert Miler, and Splendine Rand	2	11	0	
Abraham Vangover and Samuel Warner	1	1	0	

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"On the 22nd of the Month called July this year, From 1677
John Matthews of Harwich, Job Spurgeon of Dedham, 1677
Stephen Moore and Stephen Atwell of Lawford, taken 1677
at a Meeting, were committed to Chelmsford Gaol by
Warrant from Justice Smith, they were after a few weeks
bailed out till Sessions. But on their appearance there on
the 3rd of October they were required to give sureties for
their good behaviour, which refusing to do, they were
recommitted to Prison, where three of them lay upon
Straw about fifteen weeks in the midst of a Winter re-
markable for extremity of Cold, but the fourth, Job
Spurgeon, being so weak that he was unable to lie down,
sat up in a Chair the most part of that time."

NOTE.—It has not been discovered where this Job Spurgeon came from. In all probability he was of the Halstead family of the name: he was evidently a man of full age in 1677 and was alive in 1683. The writer of this work is indebted to the Rev. Charles Alfred Lewis, M.A., Vicar of Dedham, for his kindness in making a search through the Parish Registers in order, if possible, to find some record of this man's baptism, marriage, or burial, but neither was found in the years examined—namely, Baptisms, 1635-1638; Marriages, 1641-1644; Burials, 1684-1735; or any Spurgeon entry. It is possible that Job Spurgeon, after his imprisonment, left Dedham for America, as so many Puritans of that period did. There is a Dedham in Massachusetts.

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